Four Corners Air Quality Task Force Cumulative Effects Work Group Meeting February 7, 2007

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The Cumulative Effects (CE) work group met on February 7, 2007 in Durango, CO as a part of the quarterly task force meeting.

First, the group went through introductions.

Next, Doug Blewitt presented his work related to characterizing emissions from engines in oil and gas fields in the region which will serve as a basis for quantifying reductions from various mitigation options. His work makes use of data from BP, and extrapolates that information to the larger Four Corners world. Issues discussed relative to this work included: representativeness of BP information to larger engine population and desirability of getting data from other producers; the need for peer and stakeholder review; accuracy of the estimates derived in this fashion; and how to perform quality assurance based on comparison with other emission inventories. The group agreed for an approach to Doug moving forward with completing this initial inventory characterization primarily focused on quality assurance, then to convene by conference call in two to three weeks to continue discussion.

Mike George then handed out draft results for three requests for technical work. One is a short description of ozone trends in the region. The group in general thought this write up should be expanded. The other two showed the draft results from estimating reductions from two road dust mitigation options. There was no discussion of this work. The group asked that all three be distributed via e-mail for comment.

The group then discussed the conference call schedule. A call was set for February 22, 2007 at 10 AM MT, followed by the regularly scheduled one on March 8 at 10 AM MT.

The group adjourned.